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DISD DESEGREGATION PRIMER (Part 3 of a Three Part Series)

Plaintiffs and Their Supporters Say Keep Court Oversight

This week, in concluding this series, we focus on some of the reasons provided by the plaintiffs and interveners for keeping Court oversight of the Dallas Schools. Although Judge Saunders had ruled in 1994 that the

Dallas School District had done all that was necessary to end traces of past discrimination, he expressed concern over the continuing educational achievement gap between minority students and white students. The

Court would remain as an overseer until the corrective measures Judge Saunders itemized in his court order were implemented. Last week, in Part 2, Superintendent Mike Moses indicated that sufficient

progress has been made on satisfying the Court's mandates and Court oversight is no longer needed.

Edward Cloutman, attorney for the Plaintiffs, responded that progress had



been made since the 1994 order was issued but pointed out that there were still several critical areas that required Court oversight.

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On the Homefront:

Dallas Repertoire Ballet presents "Move, Dance...Be Born", an evening of contemporary and jazz dance, at Richardson's Eiseman Center Theater, February 7 and 8, at 8 p.m. Featuring Guest Artists: Liz Imperio's Instincts Live Media Dance Co. and Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing & Visual Arts. Ticket Prices: \$15 & \$20 at the Eiseman Center Ticket Office: 972.744.4650. Visit: www.dallasrepballet.org.

Daddy's Little Sweetheart Dance at Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads, February 8, 7pm to 9:30pm. An Enchanted Evening is planned with music and dancing for fathers and their daughters, 4 to 12 years. Space is limited. Contact Plano Parks and Recreation 972.941.7250 or visit: www.planoparks.org.

24th Annual Heard Museum Nature Photography Contest and Exhibition Reception February 8. The Photo Contest will be on exhibit in Laughlin Hall. Free with general admission. For more information call 972.562.5566, or visit www.heardmuseum.org.

DFW Community Newspapers Career Fair at Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads, February 10, 10am to 3pm. Bring your resume. Many area companies represented. On the spot interviews. Free admission. For more information contact Marsha Kline 972.543.2284.

Meet Garland City Council Member Harry Hickey for a District 3 Community Forum, Wednesday, February 12, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Club Hill Elementary School Cafeteria.

District 3 residents are invited to bring questions and concerns on issues relating to City government and services. Email Councilor Hickey at council3@ci.garland.tx.us.

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Space Shuttle Columbia Tragedy Debris From Shuttle Damages Town Homes In Plano's Shiloh Park Estates



By: Tobin Hicks

On January 16, 2003, 9:39 a.m., NASA launched space Shuttle Columbia into orbit from Kennedy Space Center. The crew aboard Shuttle Columbia included six Americans and Israel's first astronaut, Commander

Rick Husband, 45, Pilot William McCool, 41, Payload Commander Michael Anderson, 43, from India Kalpana Chawla, 41, Navy Captain, Pilot and doctor David Brown, 46, diving medical officer and flight surgeon Laurel Clark, 41, and colonel in Israel's

air force and first Israeli in space, Ilan Ramon, 48.

On February 1, 7:15 a.m. Columbia fired braking rockets, as it streaked toward touchdown. At 7:53 a.m. NASA had lost temperature measurements for

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Plano Community Forum Plans for a Night of Fun for This Year's Annual Sweetheart's Ball



By: Jacqueline Perry Williams

The Plano Community Forum, along with the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity-Alpha Iota Iota Chapter, and The Links, Inc.-Plano North Metroplex Chapter met recently to discuss the planning of the Forum's 15th Annual Sweetheart's Ball, set for Saturday, February 15.

The members of each of organization anticipate that this year's event will be filled with lots of fun and entertaining. "For the past fourteen years during February, the Plano Community Forum has hosted the party in Plano for honoring your very special sweetheart", said T.J. Johnson, Chair of the Plano Community Forum. She continued, "We are always delighted to part-

ner with other organizations in our community who share our philosophy of concern, commitment and service to the community. The opportunity to fellowship and work together for a common good is just an added benefit of the Sweetheart's Ball."

Johnson said that the Forum has one important requirement for the Sweetheart's Ball, that is, all net proceeds must benefit the partnering organization's scholarship fund. "We're all about scholarship and youth development. Each year our Sweetheart's Ball grows bigger and bigger, and with the help of the Omegas and The Links we are anticipating and even bigger and

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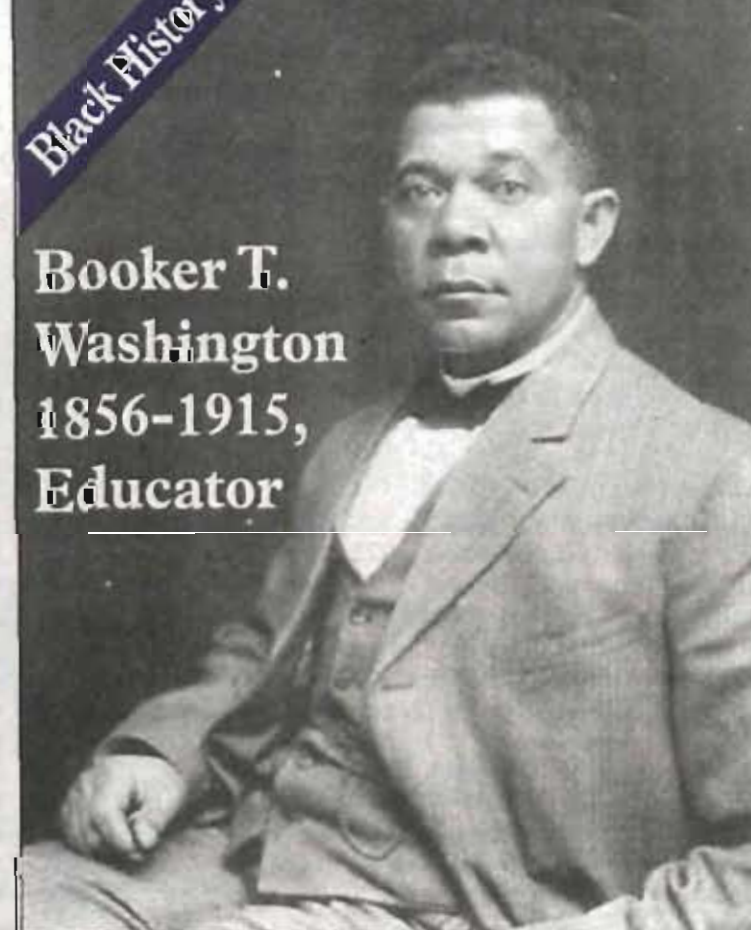
Annual Black Heritage Stamp Unveils Thurgood Marshall



Ambassador Andrew Young served as the keynote speaker for this year's annual Black Heritage Stamp Unveiling. He is shown here with (l to r) Artist Thornton II and Selena Thornton, Elaine Thornton, L.A. Bedford, Dr. Njiki McElroy and Bob Lydia, president of the Dallas Branch of the NAACP. Young had earlier stated that Marshall's vast experience in the field of law included arguments to equalize salaries for public school educators, and he played a prominent role in Brown vs. Board of Education on behalf of the NAACP, as well as having had key input into the constitutions of Kenya and Nigeria. According to Ambassador Young, Justice Marshall maintained a great sense of humor. Photo by Jessie Hornbuckle



Booker T. Washington 1856-1915, Educator



Booker T. Washington was the foremost black educator of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He also had a major influence on southern race relations and was the dominant figure in black public affairs from 1895 until his death in 1915. Born a slave on a small farm in the Virginia

backcountry, he moved with his family after emancipation to work in the salt furnaces and coalmines of West Virginia. After a secondary education at Hampton Institute, he taught an upgraded school and experimented briefly with the study of law

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Preparation For Plano's Night Of Fun



Issac Birdlong's fashion model showcases one of Colbert's Men's lines



Myrtle Hightower admires one of the many furs that will be showcased at the Sweetheart's Ball



(Far Left to Right) Pat Humphress, Myrtle Hightower, and John Hightower enjoying the sneak preview of the fashion show that will be showcased at the upcoming Sweetheart's Ball

better event this year," Johnson stated.

The evening will include dinner, dancing, cash bar, door prizes, a silent auction, musical entertainment by Cedric Barrett and the Pyramids, and a display of each organization. At the event, guests will have the opportunity to request "Shot-Outs", in which guests will have the option of having sweetheart messages read to their significant other. Guests will also be able to purchase roses.

They are expecting 400 guests to attend this fun-filled night. Isaac Birdlong, Promotions and Special Events Coordinator for Colbert's, a leading name in Dallas's fashion industry, will be there along with his striking models, to showcase current fashions, including luxurious furs. Guests will also have the chance to visit the showroom where some of the items modeled will be available to purchase. While meeting and preparing for the event, members of the organizations had a chance to see a sneak preview of the fashions and furs that will be showcased at the event. Members were very thrilled about this part of the event, and they look forward to seeing the reactions of their guests on Saturday, February 15.

The event will be held at the Harvey Hotel in Plano. The evening will begin with cocktails and a silent auction at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m. and the night will end with dancing from 8:30 to midnight.

The tickets are \$40 per person, and must be presented at the door. Net proceeds will benefit each organization's scholarship fund. For additional information, please call 972-260-4208.



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Learn how to be free of all your credit card debt, at the Douglass Community Center, 1111 Avenue H, Plano. Classes held every Tuesday, 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. Receive a financial game plan and workbook, and a certificate of completion and \$10.00 upon graduation. Contact Flora Kyaard at 214.496.9756. Cost: \$29.95.

The Arts Gallery at Collin County Community College, Spring Creek Campus, displays works by students and professionals. Visitors and new artists are welcome. For more information call: 972.881.5154. Open Mon-Fri 8a.m.-9p.m., Sat 10a.m.-2p.m.

February 1 through March 15

In celebration of the Chinese New Year, the City of Plano presents an art exhibit featuring four Chinese artists at the Courtyard Theater, 1509 Avenue H. The exhibit is free, and is part of the City of Plano's program.

February 1 through April 30

Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary presents "Here's Looking at You!" A new 2,000 square-foot award-winning

interactive traveling exhibit at the Heard Museum sees nature through different eyes, to explore what is known about human and animal vision and to understand the ongoing quest to discover what animals actually see. Open Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission to exhibits and grounds: \$8 for adults, \$5 children 3-12 and senior citizens. Admission to grounds only: \$5 adults, \$3 children 3-12 and senior citizens. For more information call: 972.562.5566, or visit www.heardmuseum.org.

February 8

Mesquite City Animal Shelter will sponsor a remote pet adoption at Petco, 1500 Town East Blvd., 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For information call 972.216.6283.

Mesquite Symphony Orchestra in concert at 8p.m. with "Five Star Movies." Call 972.216.8127 for tickets.

Baylor Health Care System and the American Heart Association offer a free "family and friends" CPR course for the general public. Classes every two hours from 8a.m. to 5p.m., at Baylor Heart and Vascular Hospital, 621 North Hall Street, Dallas.

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20th Annual Dallas

Morning News/World of Cruises and Sun Destinations Showcase, at Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads, 12noon to 5pm. Admission: \$5 per person, \$4 for Seniors, 12 and under free. For more information call 800.831.3976 or visit www.emmshows.com.

Garland Square Pickers present an evening concert at 7:00 pm in the Plaza Theatre, 521 West State Street. Call 972.276.3197.

The Classic Family Theatre Series, at Richardson's Eisemann Center, presents "The Snow Queen," in Hill Performance Hall, at 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15/10/8.50/6, and are available through the Eisemann Center Box Office at 972.744.4650.

February 11

Join in the fun at preschool story-time for 3-5 year olds, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, and the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive.

Garland Police Department hosts "Unidos" (United) - an educational and informational program at the Gale Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road, at 7:00p.m. Call 972.205.2924.

Spoken Word Coffee House presents a Storytelling Concert

at 7:00 pm, 3845 North Garland Avenue. Call 972.205.2803.

February 12

The Plano Chamber of Commerce presents "Human Resources Tools & Strategies," a seminar to provide smart business practices for the successful management of human resources. Held at SMU-in-Legacy, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Fee: \$40. Call 972.424.7547 to register.

Garland High School "School of Performing Arts" special show at 7:00 pm, in the Performing Arts Center, 300 North Fifth Street. Call 972.494.8240.

February 13

Estate Planning Seminar at Plano Center, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads, 10:00am to 7:00pm. Discover how to use a Living Trust or Properly Drafted Will to save on Estate Taxes and Control your Assets. Presented by Richard P. Johnson, Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Call Marcie for reservations at: 972.497.9010.

Valentine's Tea and Conversation at the Heard-Craig, 205 W. Hunt St. at 2:00p.m. A retelling of the history and traditions of St. Valentine's Day. Desserts and

other treats with afternoon tea, conversation with friends and a short program. Reservations required. \$15 per person. For reservations call: 972.569.6909.

February 14

Valentine's Day Mother-Daughter Teas, at the historic Dulaney House at Chestnut Square beginning at 4:00 p.m. Tea will be served, featuring cakes, scones and savories. Reservations are required. Cost: \$7.50 per person. For information or reservations: 972.562.8790, or visit www.chestnutsquare.org.

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"Ticket Stock 2003," at Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads. Friday 5pm-10pm, Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 11am-3pm. Meet sports celebrities, Ticket Hosts, Ticketchicks, Sports dancers and more. Prizes, sports memorabilia, interactive games and tons of exhibits. Free. For more information visit: www.theticket.com.

February 15

Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney begins a new monthly series of nature walks. This month, learn about the Trout Lily and other early spring flowers. \$10 non-members, \$8 members. Call 972.562.5566, or visit: www.heardmuseum.org.

Heard Museum offers monthly "Gardening with Nature" workshops. This month's topic is - 'Pruning Clinic.' Learn how to trim and not kill your trees, shrubs and vines. Begins at 10:00a.m. and lasts approximately one hour. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. \$25 non-members, \$20 members. Call 972.562.5566, ext 236 to register.

February 19 & 20

Dallas Computer & Technology Showcase at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek & Jupiter Roads, 10am to 4pm. A regional Business-to-Business technology tradeshow and conference. Admission is free with ticket or registration on www.techshows.com/dallas. For more information contact Leif Bruce at 800.422.0251.

February 20

The Junction - Americana music (folk, blues, jazz, country) by a variety of artists at the Plano Station, east of the DART Downtown Plano Station, from 7pm to 9:30pm. Admission: \$10 per person at the door. For more information contact Jim Wear at 972.941.5202.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

The Mis-Education of Lebron James

In case you have been lost in the Amazon for the past year or so and have not heard of Lebron James let me introduce you. He is currently the best player in high school basketball. The pro scouts say this 18 year old phenom from St. Vincent-St Mary prep school in Ohio has the jump shot of a young Michael Jordan, the rebounding talent of a young Dennis Rodman and the floor presence of Magic Johnson.

Last February he appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated, which dubbed him "The Chosen One." According to NBADRAFT, James is "blessed with supreme athletic gifts, amazing composure on the floor, and has great leaping ability to get above the rim for spectacular finishes."

Not surprisingly, the vultures, smelling the big money to be made riding Lebron's coat-tails, have swooped in. Consider the magnitude of the feeding frenzy surrounding this potential money machine. Shortly after N.B.A. scouts began to take notice, James and his teammates were invited to play a nationally competitive schedule. Promoters lined up games in some of college basketball's most famous arenas, which James' name sold out. As part of the bargain, his team was given air travel, hotel accommodations and free limousine service to and from games. Even ESPN televised two St. Vincent-St. Mary games.

School officials moved St. Vincent home games to the 5,900-seat Rhodes Arena (and raise ticket prices) at Akron University because of James's growing celebrity. Representatives from Nike and

Adidas have been courting James for more than two years. After graduation, he is expected to sign an endorsement deal that could approach \$25 million — more than twice what his first N.B.A. rookie contract will pay him.

He also has a brand new \$50,000 car that draws nearly as much attention as he does. It is a Hummer H2 with three TVs, a DVD player, a video game system, and "King James" embroidered on the seats. Throw in a few diamond necklaces for good measure. All this for an 18 year old Akron high school student who lives with his mother in a public housing development in one of the city's poorer areas.

The new car raised questions so the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) investigated whether the car was an illegal gift from an agent or other benefactor. His mother produced paperwork to prove that she secured a loan against the future earnings of her son. OHSAA was satisfied. It seems she could get a car loan but not a home loan.

Is it any wonder that Lebron's head is swelling up bigger than a weather balloon? It's also obvious James is used to being pampered and getting things, because he is "King James". He has people pulling him in all directions, but James is not mature enough to understand that he is a meal ticket for the piranhas. It's a dangerous situation for anyone; even more so for a youngster who has not graduated from high school. The message to him is the system does not apply to Lebron.

But four days after the favorable car ruling OHSAA

was forced to investigate another allegation of gifts to James. Two retro sports jerseys, costing a combined total of \$845.

After a brief investigation the Ohio athletic association's commissioner ruled that the two jerseys were indeed gifts to James and Lebron was stripped of his remaining eligibility. He will not be able to play in his team's remaining five regular-season games or in the state playoffs. Now that Lebron has been declared ineligible his teammates must also suffer. They must forfeit the last game played with Lebron, negating a perfect record.

Lebron has the potential to be a national treasure; following in the footprints of Tiger, Venus and Serena. But he must learn if you do not want to play by the rules, do not flaunt your dalliance with the rules.

I hope these annoying incidents teach Lebron and his mother something about how the system really works; hopefully, before permanently impairing his career. The next "Lebron" is already standing in the wings; ready, willing and able to step on stage. And just as quickly the media, scouts, and endorsement peddlers will lift the new king onto the pedestal currently occupied by "The Chosen One". It's tough love, but Lebron needs to understand that he is a valued commodity to the system only as long as the money pours in. The Golden Goose that stops laying golden eggs is likely to be the evening dinner.

James W. Breedlove
Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: jaydubub@swbell.net

NAACP-Garland Branch to Host Third Annual Winter Ball

The Garland Branch of the NAACP will host its third annual Winter Ball on Friday, February 14, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. This year the organization's theme is "Celebrating the Year of the Man". The Black Tie affair will be held at the

Alexander Mansion, 333 West Avenue D, in Downtown Garland. The event will include an evening of live entertainment by Thom Brownlee Jazz Ensemble, buffet dinner, and a presentation of honorees. Valet parking will also be

available. Tickets are \$35 per person, and can be purchased by sending a check or money order to P.O. Box 46944, Garland, TX 75046-0944. To request additional information, call 972-381-5044, option 5.

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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas, and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what's going on up north.

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Alfred P. Schexnayder, Jr. January 7, 1940 - January 25, 2003

"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." II Corinthians 5:8

On Monday, February 3, 2003, family and friends joined together at First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park to celebrate the life and honor the legacy of Plano resident, Alfred P. Schexnayder, Jr.

Rev. Reginald Townsend read Psalm 121, and Scharvin Grizzell read from the New Testament book of Philippians 4:8-13.

The life of Alfred P. Schexnayder, Jr. was celebrated in verse, prayer, song and poetry. He was remembered as a man of faith and courage. One

friend said he was "pretty as Billy D. Williams, with the charisma of Cary Grant."



Giving peace and understanding to Alfred's life and passing on to be with the Lord, Gary Anderson quoted from Revelation 14:13 "Then I

heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

Alfred's pastor, Rev. Samuel Fenceroy, of Mt. Olive Church in Plano, gave the Eulogy, "The misunderstanding of our Death," quoting from James 2:26.

The family of Alfred P. Schexnayder, Jr. acknowledged the prayers, kind thoughts, words and deeds to everyone helping them through their time of bereavement.

Alfred P. Schexnayder, Jr. was laid to rest at Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery, Dallas, Texas.

A Life Well Remembered, A Man Greatly Missed

By: Monica Thornton

Alfred P. Schexnayder, Jr. was born January 7, 1940, in Lake Charles, Louisiana to Mr. Alfred and Mrs. Ruth Schexneider. He was a devout Christian, and went home to the Lord on January 25, 2003.

Alfred moved to Plano, Texas in 1980 and quickly was involved in the civic and political arena, as he saw a need to build bridges between the black community, the local government and the educational system. This led to Alfred and three other renowned community leaders founding the Plano Community Forum (PCF), a community service organization providing academic scholarships for deserving students and recognizes individuals for outstanding civic and business achievement.

Cecil Starks, founder of the PCF, said Alfred was a gallant supporter for positive change in the community. Starks and Schexnayder not only worked together from the 1980's on, but their families also grew up together. He said they had a collective vision for the African American community in Plano, and worked to build the same quality of life for that community as other residents of Plano were enjoying. Together, they helped forge the way for affirmative action in the City of Plano, were on various boards and commissions within the community, and were both Charter members of the PIDS Multi-Ethnic Committee, which is still in existence.

"It will be hard to replace a guy like Al," said Starks. "He was very accessible to people, and he left a legacy here that acted as a

bonding agent for us to move on to build even better relationships within the city."

Remembering Alfred as his friend, Starks said, "He never met a stranger, and he always had a kind word to say.

Friend and PCF co-founder, Mr. Fred Moses said, "This is a big loss to all of us, none of us expected this." He added that Alfred was a great support in the 1980's, particularly with getting PCF started.

"The enthusiasm he had to try and accomplish some of the things we did here in Plano was quite refreshing," Moses said.

And he attributed much of his success to the support he received from his family.

"Alfred often talked about his love for his family, and the support he had from them over the years," Moses added.

His success and drive began early in his life. At the age of 15, Alfred migrated from Louisiana to Jamaica, New York. A successful student, he graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School, and pursued continuing education at Queensboro Community College, the University of Wisconsin, and he also attended the Dale Carnegie Institute. He was also a proud member of the United States Navy in 1969, and upon discharge, returned to New York, where he met his wife, Ruth Grizzell.

He began his career with Seagram's Distillers Company in New York City, and later joined Somerset Importers, quickly rising through the ranks to become Senior Vice President of National Sales. Here, he was instrumental in pioneering the company's efforts to reach

the lucrative black consumer market and build relationships with key political, community and entertainment figures, including Coretta Scott King, Alex Haley, Vernon Jordan, and Eartha Kitt. It was his success at Somerset that afforded Alfred the opportunity to relocate to Plano, Texas in 1980.

As an accomplished citizen and businessman he was featured in several national media publications and received numerous awards and accolades, including the National Black Achievers Award.

Alfred was christened into the Catholic Church as an infant, and practiced Catholicism until joining Mt. Olive Church of Plano. At Mt. Olive, he served as a church leader, church secretary, and member of the Board of Trustees.

He had a large family and circle of friends. Alfred is survived by his wife, Ruth Schexnayder, two daughters, Timolyn Rochelle Miller of Castaic, California, and Nicole Lorynda Patton of Frisco, Texas; three grandchildren, Sidni Nicole Miller, Ashli Rochelle Miller and Milan Aaron Patton; seven siblings, Thaddeus L. Mayfield of New York, Lois C. Schexneider of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and Sandra R. Schexneider of Lake Charles, Louisiana; and countless nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



Booker T. Washington page 1 and the ministry, but a teaching position at Hampton decided his future career. In 1881 he founded Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute on the Hampton model in the Black Belt of Alabama.

Though Washington offered little that was innovative in industrial education, which both northern philanthropic foundations and southern leaders were already promoting, he became its chief black exemplar and spokesman. In his advocacy of Tuskegee Institute and its educational method, Washington revealed the political adroitness and accommodationist philosophy that were to characterize his career in the wider arena of race leadership. He convinced southern white employers and governors that Tuskegee offered an education that would keep blacks "down on the farm" and in the trades. To prospective northern donors and particularly the new self-made millionaires such as Rockefeller and Carnegie he promised the inculcation of the Protestant work ethic. To blacks living within the limited horizons of the post-Reconstruction South, Washington held out industrial education as the means of escape from the web of sharecropping and debt and the achievement of attainable, petit-bourgeois goals of self-employment, landownership, and small business. Washington cultivated local white approval and secured a small state appropriation, but it was northern donations that made Tuskegee Institute by 1900 the best-supported black educational institution in the country.

The Atlanta Compromise Address, delivered before the Cotton States

Exposition in 1895, enlarged Washington's influence into the arena of race relations and black leadership. Washington offered black acquiescence in disfranchisement and social segregation if whites would encourage black progress in economic and educational opportunity. Hailed as a sage by whites of both sections, Washington further consolidated his influence by his widely read autobiography *Up From Slavery* (1901), the founding of the National Negro Business League in 1900, his celebrated dinner at the White House in 1901, and control of patronage politics as chief black advisor to Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft.

Washington kept his white following by conservative policies and moderate utterances, but he faced growing black and white liberal opposition in the Niagara Movement (1905-9) and the NAACP (1909-), groups demanding civil rights and encouraging protest in response to white aggressions such as lynchings, disfranchisement, and segregation laws. Washington successfully fended off these critics, often by underhanded means. At the same time, however, he tried to translate his own personal success into black advancement through secret sponsorship of civil rights suits, serving on the boards of Fisk and Howard universities, and directing philanthropic aid to these and other black colleges. His speaking tours and private persuasion tried to equalize public educational opportunities and to reduce racial violence. These efforts were generally unsuccessful, and the year of Washington's death marked the beginning of the Great Migration from the rural South to the urban North. Washington's racial philosophy, pragmatically adjusted to the limiting conditions of his own era, did not survive the change.

Samuel E. Cornish and John B. Russwurm - Editors of the First Black-Owned Newspaper in the U.S.

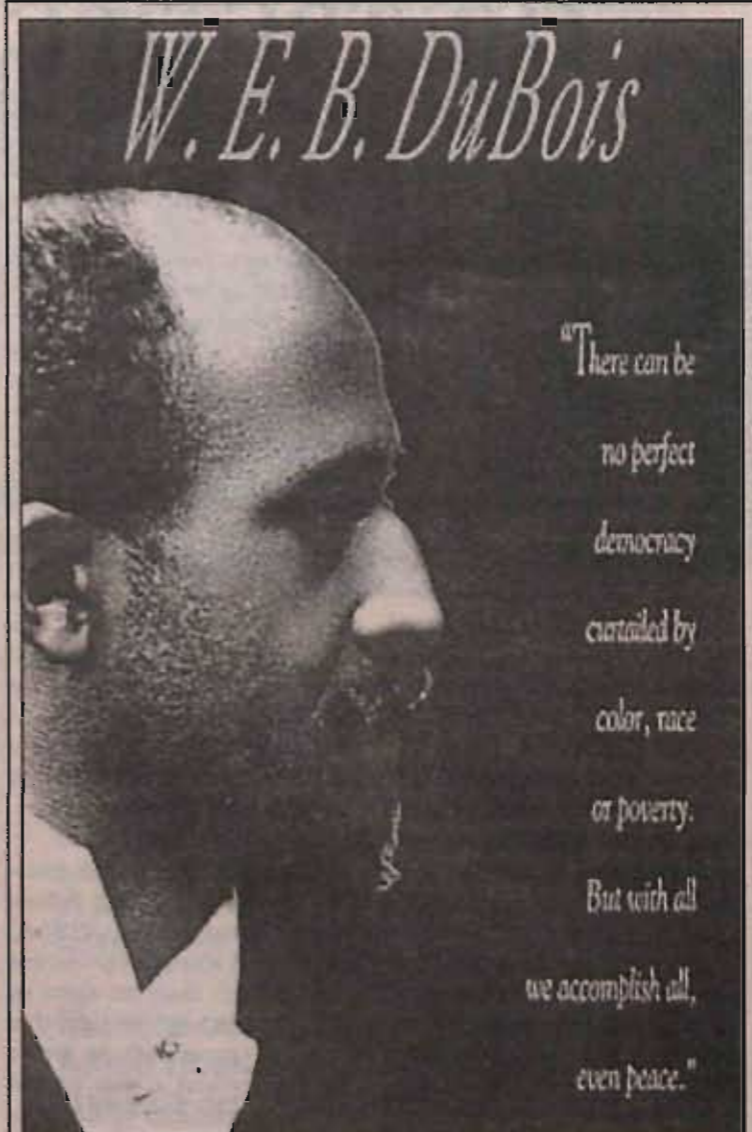


Freedom's Journal was founded on March 16, 1827 as a four-page, four-column standard-sized weekly. The newspaper was also the first black-owned and operated newspaper in the United States, and was established the same year that slavery was abolished in New York State. The paper attempted to respond to racist material published in other forms of media.

Samuel E. Cornish and John B. Russwurm served as editors. Freedom's Journal was similar to other reform papers in that its contents consisted of current events, anecdotes, and editorials and was used to address contemporary issues such as slavery and "colonization," a concept which was conceived by members of The American Colonization Society, a mostly white pro-emigration organization founded in 1816 to repatriate free black people to Africa. Freedom's Journal provided its

readers with regional, national, and international news. It sought to improve conditions for newly freed black men and women living in the North. Freedom's Journal published birth, death and wedding announcements. To encourage black achievement it featured biographies of renowned black figures such as Paul Cuffee, a black Bostonian who owned a trading ship staffed by free black people.

Russwurm became sole editor of Freedom's Journal following the resignation of Cornish in September 1827, and began to promote the colonization movement. The majority of the public did not support the paper's radical shift in support of colonization, and in March 1829, Freedom's Journal ceased publication. Soon after, Russwurm emigrated to the American Colonization Society of Liberia, and became governor of the Maryland Colony.



William Edward Burghardt Du Bois was born in Massachusetts in 1868, the year Congress guaranteed male black suffrage. Du Bois was graduated from Fisk University and Harvard University and studied two years at the University of Berlin. He was the first black American to receive the degree of doctor of philosophy from Harvard.

Du Bois founded the Niagara Movement -- a group of African-American leaders committed to an active struggle for racial equality. Du Bois was a founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored

People and edited its journal, *Crisis*, for many years.

A brilliant writer and speaker, Du Bois was the outstanding African-American intellectual of his time. His *The Philadelphia Negro* (1899) was the first sociological study of African-Americans. In *The Souls of Black Folk* (1903), Du Bois took a forceful stand against Booker T. Washington's policy of accommodation, calling instead for "ceaseless agitation and insistent demand for equality," and the "use of force of every sort: moral suasion, propaganda, and where possible even physical resistance."

Collin County, Lenders Reduces Mortgage Program Rate

(McKinney, TX) - Collin County is reducing the mortgage loan rate by .35 percent for first-time home buyers enrolled in the "Eyes of Texas" mortgage program, which is a special partnership between the Collin County Housing Finance Corporation and local home mortgage lenders. The program is designed to help home buyers purchase a newly constructed or existing home by providing a 30-year fixed rate loan with down payment and closing cost assistance equal to three-percent of the loan amount.

Prior to this week's action by the Collin County Commissioners' Court,

the loan rate was 6.85 percent. The rate is now 6.5 percent. The Commissioners' Court also extended the duration of the program through December 2003.

The loan types are Conventional, FHA-insured, VA-Guaranteed or USDA-RD. Homes must be located within Collin County, excluding the geographic areas within the boundaries of the city of Dallas and the city of Garland. Borrowers cannot have had an ownership interest in any principal residence during the last three years and must meet normal mortgage underwriting requirements.

More information can be found at www.co.collin.tx.us.

NAACP-Mesquite Branch Announces It's 2003-2004 Officers

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Denise Upchurch, Second Vice President;
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Understandably, there are many persons who need someone to fill out their tax forms, and those in business to render that service should be paid for their time and their expertise. However, to prey upon people with tax-refund related "quick" loans, is unconscionable. But we see it every year, and many of our people participate in these schemes to relieve them of their money.

In the first place, to break even rather than receive a refund is what we should thrive for when it comes to our money. Why should we lend the government our money, interest-free, for more than one year and then turn around and borrow it from someone else? Imagine what we could do with that money during the year.

Here is just one recommendation. I am sure you can think of more. Those of us who itemize and deduct contributions could give more to our churches, for instance. Take a look at Line 57, "Federal Income Tax Withheld," and see what you paid even after you deduct your refund. If you have less money taken out of your check during the year, and increase your donations and contributions to the church and others, you could reduce the amount on Line 57 and lower your taxable income.

We often hear about people and companies that pay little or no taxes, and we either stand in awe or complain about it. We may not be able to relieve ourselves completely of the tax burden, but we can be a bit smarter on to the subject. If you don't know how the game is played, you will lose every time.

Here is more information for you. There is a national Black-owned tax preparation company, headquartered in Beaumont, Texas, called Compro Tax. Brother Jackie Mayfield started the company and decided to provide entrepreneurship opportunities for his brothers and sisters by offering Compro Tax "brokerages" in various areas across the country. Did I mention this is a Black-owned company?

Compro Tax provides everything you need to set up your business, including training and computer software. That's what we should be dealing with, rather than giving our money to companies that offer us nothing in return and even rip off our people by lending them their own money.

I know, I know. I can hear you now, "Those people don't have to take those loans. Don't blame the businesses that offer them." You're right. Nobody is forc-

ing us to take these loans, but let's face it, we just love instant gratification, especially when it comes to money. Even though I think these loans are exploitative just like those rent-to-own and check cashing outlets, they will continue to exist as long as we avail ourselves of them.

I guess I am simply asking you to reconsider how you view income tax refunds. We need to retain all of the money we can, and this is a huge source of money going through Black folks' hands every year. So, you have two options. Get into the business yourself and/or seek out Black tax preparers to complete your returns. Compro Tax is an excellent resource. Check it out, and stop wasting your money.

As for borrowing your own money from a stranger—or from anyone else for that matter—it makes no sense at all. Whatever you think is so important and cannot wait is not that important, and it can wait. Go for the electronic filing and have the

refund deposited into your bank account; it takes only about 10 days.

But even more important is our need to learn as much about our income tax returns as possible. Seek out Black-owned tax preparation experts and give them your business instead of allowing this annual windfall of tax preparation fees to leave our "communities." Let's stop the bleeding, and let's stop falling for the okie-doke. After all, it's your money.

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Al Sharpton Says Election Results Make His Presidential Campaign 'More Necessary'

by Hazel Trice Edney
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Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Rev. Al Sharpton says the defeats that many Democrats suffered on Election Day expose the party's flawed campaign strategy and proves that it must move in another direction in order to win elections.

"When you do an analysis of how the Democrats lost, they lost because they ran away from their base," says Sharpton, who is exploring a possible run for president. "This whole decade-long reach for the Right-wing, or what they now call the independent White male vote, has been a hallucination. It energizes and makes my campaign more necessary."

Sharpton has formed an exploratory committee and

has begun raising money, but says he will not announce his decision until early next year. Some political analysts believe that he will not likely win the Democratic nomination, but could help the party revive its message to grassroots people and excite African-Americans to the polls if he decides to run as a Democrat. Jesse Jackson was able to do that in his presidential campaigns in 1984 and 1988.

"If Sharpton is able to capitalize on the Democratic Party's leadership and the confusion in the message and so forth, then that enhances what he's trying to do because he believes the Democratic Leadership Council has taken the party to the right," says University of Maryland political scientist Ron Walters, a former adviser for Jackson's presidential bids. "He believes if

he runs, he will pull the party back to the Left. This presents Al Sharpton with a golden opportunity to mount a campaign of political leverage inside the party, the same thing Jesse did."

Sharpton says his issues will distinguish him from other Democrats.

Although a recent survey by the Joint Center on Political and Economic Studies says only 6 percent of African-Americans see the possibility of war against Iraq as a key concern, Sharpton says it will be a distinguishing issue for him.

"We'll be the ones on the front line. Who will die first? And then when oil comes in, who will get less than us? And, who are in the major cities that are targeted in this war on terrorism? So war is a vital

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issue," he says. "And I'm the only one talking about running who has come out against the war."

Several Democrats who have been mentioned as possible presidential contenders voted with Bush to authorize the war, including Senators Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut and Tom Daschle of South Dakota and Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt.

Sharpton also said he will focus on those issues that are most important to Black people, such as jobs and the economy.

Ron Daniels, executive director of the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York and chairman of the Institute of the Black World 21st Century, agrees Sharpton's position on issues will be key.

"The Sharpton campaign becomes one of our most important vehicles for changing the Democratic party to have a focus and a message that will resonate with the majority of people in America, the struggling middle class, large numbers of people who are not registered and who don't vote simply because they don't hear themselves being talked to about issues like jobs and income and affirmative action and urban policy," Daniels says. "He's not trying to center himself, he will wage a crusading campaign.... He's a dynamic spokesperson and he will elevate and put on the agenda issues that will not be discussed by the Democratic Party unless he runs."

Not everyone agrees. "I really want to say that Al is on to something there. But will the Democrats listen to him? I doubt it," says Linda Faye Williams, also a political science professor at the University of Maryland. "The problem with Democrats is that they don't appeal to the Black vote because they are more frightened of losing the White vote. That's the bottom line. We're sort of a date that you're so proud of, yet you go to the back of the restaurant in a dark booth. That's exactly how the Democrats want us to give our votes to them."

African-Americans have been giving their votes to Democrats by a margin of 9-1. Williams worries that Sharpton's appeal to Blacks will be limited.

"I'm glad that someone appeals to more working class Blacks," she says. "But, I think that there are some of these middle-class Blacks that absolutely will not be energized by Al

Sharpton. I think we need to sort of start looking a little bit more at what is becoming a kind of conscience class divide in the Black community."

Sharpton hopes the middle- and upper-class Black supporters he has already enlisted will provide a broad-based appeal.

His exploratory committee and private supporters are comprised of big names in academia, political circles and the media. Among them are Cornell West, Princeton Black studies professor, and Charles Ogletree, Harvard law professor. Financial contributors to his exploratory campaign include Percy Sutton, a prominent New York civil rights lawyer; Cathy Hughes, owner and CEO of Radio One; Earl Graves Jr., founder and publisher of Black Enterprise magazine; and Robert L. Johnson, founder and CEO of Black Entertainment Television.

Some observers say Sharpton's long-shot bid to become president is going against the tide of public opinion in Black America.

"The problem is that African-American public opinion is moving closer to the mainstream and to the Right. The radicalism in the African-American community has waned considerably," says Katherine Tate, chair of the department of political science at the University of California at Irvine. "President Bush might even end up winning African-American support. He's certainly made top-level appointments who are African-Americans. So, his administration is actually doing very well, all things considered."

Only 9 percent of African-Americans voted for Bush in 2000. An October

Gallup poll reported Bush with a 33 percent approval rating among

African-Americans. It is not unusual for wartime presidents to have high approval ratings. The Black approval rating for George Bush's father during the Persian Gulf War was 48.6 percent in October 1990, according to the

Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. In early 1991, Gallup reported his approval rating as 91 percent overall. He lost to Bill Clinton in 1992.

Whatever Sharpton adopts will have an impact on Democrats.

"The DNC strategy for getting out the vote was Bill Clinton," he says. "It's almost like they've been joking so long about Clinton was a Black president, they started believing it. It's one thing to joke. It's another thing when they have a strategy like that for real."

Columbia's Crew -- The Quest, The Journey

By Belinda G. Alexander

From the beginning Humans have pushed the limits of their world and the boundaries of the Universe. In Biblical accounts--Adam and Eve decided to push against the rules to go beyond their boundaries.

The Space shuttle missions and that final flight for Columbia are examples of the quest of spirit in humankind. It is a compelling force to push beyond earthly boundaries. This time, those boundaries were a path to stars of the universe.

Tragedy yields heroes as pain moves us to change and grow. The inspirational song says "We fall down and get back up again"--that is most important. So is the plight of human kind from the beginning until the end of our appointed time. Each of the Columbia crew was a hero to someone--Even before the tragic end.

As with disaster, war and tragedy, there is always something and someone to blame. Humans always want an answer and we want it right away. The truth should not and cannot be rushed just as progress and the passing of time. Fallen heroes deserve respect for their survivors knowing that the truth will be pursued. Survivors deserve to know that their loved ones did not die in vain. All efforts should be to find and fix the cause of that mission demise.

A common reply of most loved ones after tragic events as with Columbia and Challenger is "They were doing the work they loved!" -- this declaration is a miraculous fact of occurrence because a majority of people never learn what it is that they truly love to do. Most of us were conditioned to go for the biggest paycheck and the most prestige. People go through life never answering the call to reach for their stars. It is for these reasons that children or 'kids-at-heart' from ages eight to eighty will see Astronauts as heroes.

A great legacy to our children is to show them how to do what they love, be the best they can be at it and give joyfully to others along the way. There is a time and place for everything under the Sun, Moon and Stars. If we stop looking to and beyond the stars what would define our purpose and place as humankind? Find your passion, plan your path and reach for the Stars.

Those of us left to imagine and reflect on the magnificence of 'heroes' should remember the immediate families. Our sadness runs deep and tears flow freely, however, the spouses, siblings, parents and children of those 'heroes' will experience this heartache over and over for days, years and lifetimes. When all is said and most is done--when anger, hurt and despair is gone -- wish them well and comfort with sweet

memories in the revelation that living is only existing when you are not doing something you love. "They were doing what they loved to do," and what many only dream of doing. This is their greatest legacy.

We did not create the Universe-- we are a part of it. Humans have always yearned to journey into unknown depths and heights. Perhaps, the driving force originates from deep within. Maybe this is the effort of our soul to return to a place of origin; a place we can truly call home -- or Heaven.

a time to rebuild,
A time to cry and a time to laugh,
A time to grieve and a time to dance,
A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones,

What do people really get for all their hard work? I have thought about this in connection with the various kinds of work God has given people to do. God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end. So I concluded that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to enjoy themselves as long as they can. And people should eat and

A time to embrace and a time to turn away,
A time to search and a time to lose,
A time to keep and a time to throw away,
A time to tear and a time to mend,
A time to be quiet and a time to speak up,
A time to love and a time to hate,
A time for war and a time for peace.

drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God. And I know that whatever God does is final. Nothing can be added to it or taken from it. God's purpose in this is that people should fear (respect) him. Whatever exists today and whatever will exist in the future has already existed in the past. For God calls each event back in its turn. -- Ecclesiastes 3 [NLT]



The seven STS-107 crew members: (Left to Right: Front Row) Rick Husband, Mission Commander; Kalpana Chawla, Mission Specialist; Williams C. McCool, Pilot (Left to Right: Standing) Astronauts David M. Brown, Laurel B. Clark, and Michael P. Anderson, All Mission Specialists; and Ilan Ramon, Payload Specialist representing the Israeli Space Agency

Ecclesiastes 3: 1 - 15 [NLT]
There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven.
A time to be born and a time to die,
A time to plant and a time to harvest,
A time to kill and a time to heal,
A time to tear down and

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the shuttle's left hydraulic system. 7:58 a.m. the system was still failing and losing more temperature sensors on the shuttle's left side. By 7:59 a.m. NASA had lost eight more temperature measures and pressure measure for the left inboard and outboard tires. One of the measurements remained visible to the crew on a display panel, which the crew acknowledged. At 7:59 a.m., Final transmission. The mission control radios came through saying, "Columbia, Houston, we see your tire pressure messages and we did not copy your last." The Columbia crew replied, "Roger, uh..." This was a sign that Shuttle Columbia was in trouble. By 8:00 a.m. NASA had lost all data and contact with Columbia at 207,135 feet. Residents of Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana reported hearing "a big bang" and seeing flames in the sky. 8:16 a.m. was Columbia's scheduled landing time. By 8:29 a.m. NASA had declared an emergency. NASA warned residents to stay away from possibly hazardous debris. Kennedy Space Center lowered the flag to a half-staff. At 1:05 p.m. President Bush announced, "Columbia is lost, there are no survivors." Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart in flames 200,000 feet over Texas on February 1, 2003, killing all three astronauts' just minutes before they were to land in Florida.

Debris turned up all through out east and



Order requires the district to provide a comprehensive program of instruction in all areas based on the developmental needs of young children and the District's baseline curriculum program. Since 1994, this specific item in the Court order had received only minimal attention. Even at this late date, with the new initiatives underway, there has not been sufficient time to evaluate the initiatives for adequacy or effectiveness.

Mr. Cloutman's concern seemed to correlate with the October 2002 report of the external auditor, Sandra Malone. In analyzing Early Childhood Programs she wrote, "With the exception of teacher training, the District's report does not include a direct response to the seven conditions of the Court Order.... In summary, the auditor was unable to determine compliance from the written report."

Mr. Robert Price, a member of the intervener organization, Black Coalition to Maximize Education, also addressed this issue in a position paper to the court. "Early childhood education program must be implemented as described. Successful early childhood education is not a duplication of a 4-6 secondary model. The district must acknowledge its failure to provide adequate early childhood instructional programming and identify the leadership to implement and maintain its validity in every K-3 environment. Early childhood education sets a strong foundation for learning in the future."

Learning Centers. The Court Order mandates that the Learning Centers operate based on five distinct goals, including the assumptions and rationale to support each goal. Mr. Cloutman contends the learning centers are not functioning as mandated; yet there are claims of compliance.

Reporting on the learning centers, external auditor Malone calls attention to the lack of specific supporting information to document success against the five court ordered goals. For example, under Goal 3 (Academic Achievement) the audit report notes, "The [District] presents two statements to indicate the narrowing of the gap. The data from which this conclusion is made is noticeably absent from the report. It is interesting to note that this is the only instance where the District has not presented the data."

Bilingual Education. Mr. Cloutman indicated there are new initiatives underway and this area is starting to get on track, but there is not enough history to make qualitative or quantitative judgments. The District recognized a new direction had to be taken, which was good, but there are no solid reference points for evaluating the initiatives.

The auditor in discussing Bilingual Education states, "It appears, from the information presented in the District report, that it is premature to draw conclusions about the effectiveness of the new curriculum, instructional arrangements and the resulting student achievement until the new program has been implemented more than one year."

Magnet Schools. The Black Coalition to Maximize Education stated in their recent position paper assessing the District's level of compliance with the Court Order, "Magnet programs must be evaluated for effectiveness and authenticity." Mr. Cloutman agreed and said, "There has not been a proper study of the effectiveness of the Magnet Program. There is a study underway but suppose the study results indicate the Dallas Magnet Plan is not effective. It would be very difficult to change or to make significant adjustments without the Court's direction."

The court's external auditor's report directs attention to the District's proposal for evaluation of the vanguard, academy and magnet school specialty program. There are serious gaps in what the auditor suggests and what the District is proposing in the areas of study team composition, what will be examined, and what the study team will produce.

Mr. Price of the Black Coalition stated that there are major unanswered questions in this area such as disproportionate funding, organization, resegregation in certain schools, tuition student policies, and the decision process for new magnets.

Achievement Gap. Mr. Cloutman acknowledged that the educational achievement gap has narrowed as measured by the current TAAS and Stanford 9 tests, but he cautioned if for no other reason the Court oversight should stay in place until the results of the new TAKS tests are available. This is an unknown factor and we have no idea what this data will tell us about the quality of education in DISD.

Board of Trustee member, Dr. Lew Blackburn, who was the only trustee to vote last November against petitioning for a court hearing to consider ending more than three decades of federal oversight over the Dallas schools.

He stated, "I was not voting against Superintendent Dr. Moses, but felt compelled to vote the wishes of my constituents." Under Court supervision the District fails to comply with mandates of the Court so why should Black citizens believe the District will keep commitments, covenants, promises and policies when no longer under Court supervision.

Dr. Blackburn said that even though the DISD administration argues that improvement in TAAS testing for Blacks and Hispanics and the reduced gap between white and minority students warrants ending court supervision of the system this is not the time to do it. First, the disparity gap while narrowing is still too large to validate that the educational system has achieved the desired goals. Second, the distribution of the 1.37 billion dollars authorized by the recent bond initiative needs to be monitored to ensure that minorities are not short-changed.

Trustee Ron Price stated that because the school population is overwhelmingly minority (93%), the court supervision is no longer needed. He voted in favor of the petition last November to request a court hearing.

Mr. Bob Lydia, president of the Dallas NAACP, made

this observation when asked about the possibility of Judge Saunders dismissing the desegregation lawsuit. "The NAACP believes the Court Order should remain in place. The power to choose is meaningless without education and understanding. Access to a quality education is and always will be the key that unlocks the opportunity to exercising freedom of choice. Many African-American students suffer from lack of quality learning environments, well trained and committed teachers, and from access to new technology. DISD must be willing to design and implement programs to fill the gaps where the present system does not address these issues. For over thirty years under the court order DISD has not totally reduced the disparities that exist in this school system. Citizens, community, businesses, politicians and parents must demand that DISD reach out in an ongoing search for new and effective strategies to empower our children. Recognizing these disparities, we cannot depend on DISD to guarantee a quality education for our children."

Writer Commentary: While researching through the historical Dallas School Desegregation documents and talking with people on both sides of the current issue one thing is certain. Providing a quality education for all students is not a simple task. The process is dynamic, the dimensions of the task are not stagnant, decision makers with changing attitudes and objectives come and go, the value system of society fluctuates, and federal, state and local laws are often incompatible; further complicating the manner in which education is delivered and how much is delivered.

With all these variables, the paramount question for every parent becomes, "How can my child get a quality education that prepares him to cope with a global dynam-

ic society and be a productive member of that society.

Fighting for the long term rectification of past discrimination is necessary, but it does not address what can and should be done for the current generation of students. Minorities cannot afford to have generation after generation go through the educational system with the kind of disparity that has been in evidence for over three decades.

Recognizing the larger goals articulated in the 32 year desegregation litigation is one aspect of the puzzle but dealing with the instant process is another. The missing piece is involvement—period. Without it our children are not going to receive the best that the educational system can offer no matter what the laws or the courts dictate. With out your participation in the current operations of the schools you cannot be informed about those things that are positively or negatively impacting your child's education. You cannot sit on the sideline and expect someone else to look out for your interests. It is the age old adage, proven true time and again; the squeaking wheel gets the grease.

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Minor Schedule Adjustments March 3

Beginning March 3, all connecting bus routes serving LB/Skillman Station (60, 488, 563, 583) will have modified schedules to improve on-time performance. Routes serving Westmoreland Station (438, 445, 518, 548, 549, 568, 574) will have modified timetables to reflect detours that have already been in place. Other bus routes with adjusted schedules include: 19, 26, 29, 76, 183, 205, 302, 311, 358, 366, 453, 475, 513, 519, 522, 566, 567 and 573.

KERA Presents Speaking of Women's Health Dallas Seminar

Presbyterian Healthcare System and KERA dedicate a day to exploring the keys to a woman's physical and mental health on Saturday, February 8, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Dallas. Tickets are \$35, available by calling 1.800.PRESBY, and include all meals and a gift bag. Ride DART Rail or the TRE to Union Station, then follow the pedestrian walkway to Reunion Area.

Discover the New DART destination book guide

The DART destination book guide, available in March, lists shopping, dining and entertainment destinations near DART rail stations. The guide also provides a list of special offers for DART customers from a variety of businesses known as DART destination partners. Look for the decal in the window of participating DART destination partners and present your valid DART ticket or pass to receive special offer.

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"Paul Robeson" Starring Avery Brooks

Presented by The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Inc. (TBAAL)



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This riveting play, written by Phillip Hayes Dean, is a portrait of one of the most important men of the 20th century, Paul Robeson. The setting of the play is the evening of a 75th birthday tribute for Robeson at Carnegie Hall. It launches the dramatic journey, through memory and music, of Robeson's life from childhood and finally returning to the evening of his 75th birthday.

**Saturday,
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7:30 p.m.**

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Car Review

Audi A4 Cabriolet 3.0 CVT

The A4 Cabriolet 3.0 CVT handles town and country with a more powerful engine and more conveniences than a first class air-ride. The 3.0 sports five-valve per cylinder engine technology, providing performance enhancement and efficiency. The engine is bigger and more powerful than before, but with its extensive use of aluminum, is almost 50 pounds lighter, and at 220 hp, it's strong.



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The standard line-of-sight driver information display at the center of a brilliant dash does more than show useful information, it does double duty as a directional guide with the optional Audi Navigation System. And for comfort and convenience, the Audi A4 Cabriolet has 12-way powered front seats, storage trays under front and rear seats, automatic dual-zone climate control with dust and pollen filter, front and rear power windows with "one touch" and pinch protection, and

an Audi Symphony AM/FM radio with in-dash 6-disc CD changer. And never short on safety, Audi has improved the external sensors, and airbag deployment times have been fine-tuned. If an airbag deploys, central locking is automatically released, interior lighting is switched on, fuel pump and engine switched off, and the hazard flashers start working. Side-guard head-protection airbags cover the side window

area, provide additional side impact protection, and can help protect against debris intrusion. The A4 Cabriolet 3.0 also includes the child restraint anchorage system, the "Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children." In the event of a front impact collision, the front bumper has been designed to help channel crash forces down the sides of the car and away from occupants. And the A4 Cabriolet also includes an active rollover protection system.

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Expedition to Alaska Exhibit Opens at the Dallas Museum of Natural History

DALLAS, TX – Dinosaurs are a group of animals that everyone knows about, but most people think of dinosaurs as having lived in ancient warm swamps. Dallas Museum of Natural History paleontologists have been working in the Alaskan Arctic for several years uncovering the remains of dinosaurs and studying their ecosystems in a place where so little had been known before. The Dallas Museum of Natural History will detail the journey through a stunning collection of photographs and specimens found by

people think about dinosaurs and paleontology of Alaska," says Dr. Tony Fiorillo, Curator of Earth Sciences.

The massive project, in collaboration with the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, the United States Army and Southern Methodist University, produced what may be the most significant find ever of dinosaur fossils. Museum paleontologists, in collaboration with the National Park Service, documented the first occurrence of dinosaurs from western Alaska as well.

paleontologists in the new exhibit, Expedition to Alaska. The exhibit will run at the Dallas Museum of Natural History, March 1 – May 31.

"The exhibit allows visitors to see the work my team did this past summer,

The Dallas Museum of Natural History is located at 3535 Grand Avenue in historic Fair Park. The Museum is open 7 days a week daily, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays 12 p.m.-5 p.m. except on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New

Year's Day. Admission to the Museum is: Adults - \$6.50, Sr. Citizens (55+) - \$5.50, Students (13-18) - \$5.00, Children (3-12) - \$4.00. Children under three are admitted free. Museum members are always admitted free.

The Dallas Museum of Natural History in association with the Smithsonian Institution is funded in part by the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs and the Texas Commission on the Arts and is supported by the Microsoft Corporation and the Junior League of Dallas.

American Airlines is the official airline of the Museum and The

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ext. 200 or visit the Museum's web site at www.dallasdino.org.

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Arts & Entertainment

Jeffrey Osborne: "A Night to Remember"



Jeffrey Osborne began his professional singing career in 1969 with a popular funk and soul group called L.T.D. (Love, Togetherness And Devotion) from 1970 until its disbandment 12 years later. However, he remained subject to the L.T.D. contract with A&M Records for whom he recorded five albums as a solo artist.

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, Osborne was the youngest of 12 children and was constantly bombarded with music as he was growing up. His oldest brother, Clay Osborne, is a singer and pianist, and Billy, another brother, is a songwriter and producer in Los Angeles.

Osborne's solo career has brought him five gold and platinum albums, including Stay With Me Tonight, Aymuk and Only Human. He also recorded an album of duets with popular singer James Ingram, and scored an international hit with "On the Wings of Love" in 1982.

Under George Duke's supervision, the first of these contained the singles "I Really Don't Need No Light" and "On the Wings of Love" which both reached the US Top 40. The latter was a "stealer" hit in the UK, after "Don't You Get So Mad" and the title track of Stay With Me Tonight had made beadway there. Don't Stop featured a duet with Joyce Kennedy - duplicated on her Lookin' For Trouble, which was produced by

Osborne. Emotional was a strong album, as were the subsequent singles, one of which, "You Should Be Mine (The Woo Woo Song)", reached US number 13. For two years, Osborne chose, perhaps unwisely, to rest on his laurels, although "Love Power", a duet with Dione Warwick climbed to US number 12 in 1987. He returned with the solo set One Love - One Dream (co-written with Bruce Roberts).

In 1990, Osborne transferred to Arista Records. Airplay for his increasingly predictable output was no longer automatic, however, and he was unable to restore his commercial profile. He left Arista in 1994 and recorded a Christmas album in 1997. He resurfaced in 2000 with a new album for Windham Hill Records.

Osborne's touring and recording continue to keep him busy much of the time, but he also devotes some of his time to charity work.

Osborne will be performing on Valentine's Day at the Bronco Bowl Theatre.

Photo Exhibit Tells the Story of James Byrd Jr.'s Murder

(Special to the NNPA)—"Jasper, Texas: The Healing of a Community in Crisis," a photo exhibit, opens with a reception at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library on Feb. 6.

The photographic exhibit tells the story of the June 7, 1998, murder of James Byrd Jr. and the steps the East Texas town took to survive the brutal event, highly publicized trials, worldwide scrutiny, and its own conflicted past. The exhibit will be on display in the O'Hara Exhibit Hall through February 28.

Comprised of 24 black-and-white images, as well as interviews with several members of the town's multiethnic Ministerial Alliance and others, the exhibit is a collaborative effort between Ainslie and Sarah Wilson, a documentary photographer.

"This presentation is meant to honor the efforts of the individuals who worked to keep the peace in their town: ministers, law enforcement officers, elected

officials, the citizens of Jasper and the Byrd family. It also aims to foster community discussion and reflection regarding race relations, healing and reconciliation," says Ricardo Ainslie, a psychology professor at the University of Texas at Austin.

Dallas Public Library Director Ramiro Salazar says, "This powerful exhibit captures the spirit of faith and determination bought at a high price. Yet, it is nice to those who would view the exhibit and take its lessons to heart."

"Jasper, Texas: The Healing of a Community in Crisis" is made possible in part by the Texas Council for the Humanities, the University of Texas at Austin, the Trull Foundation, the Cartwright Foundation, the Arts Committee of the Dallas Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology, PRO-JEX Gallery, the Dallas Public Library and the Greater Dallas Community of Churches.



Deliver Us From Eva

Three men pay a born ladies' man (LL Cool J) \$5,000 to go out with their meddling, high-maintenance sister-in-law, Eva (Gabrielle Union). After a disastrous first date, the unlikely pair begins to fall in love, much to the chagrin of the three accomplices.

Starts February 7, 2003



Daredevil

The plot is based on the Marvel Comics character, known by fans as the Man Without Fear. Ben Affleck plays Matt Murdock, a boy who is left blind when he's hit by a radioactive isotope while saving a man's life. Although his eyes no longer function, Murdock's other four senses become superhuman, especially a secret, radar-like ability he develops. Years later in New York, Murdock works as an attorney by day and a crime-fighting vigilante by night, using his special skills to become the city's trusty superhero, Daredevil. While battling his archnemesis, the mob boss Kingpin (Michael Clarke Duncan), and the dangerous Bullseye (Colin Farrell), Murdock falls for a mysterious woman named Elektra (Jennifer Garner).

Starts February 14, 2003



Jeffrey Osborne with Regina Belle

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February 2003 Events

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Thursday February 6, 2003 - 8:00 pm

Beethoven Bicentennial Celebration

John Nelson, Conductor

Friday February 7, 2003 - 8:00 pm

Saturday February 8, 2003 - 8:00 pm

Sunday February 9, 2003 - 2:00 pm

Metropolitan Children's Choir

Saturday February 8, 2003 - 1:00 pm

Youth Orchestra of Fort Worth

Sunday February 9, 2003 - 7:30 pm

Three of a Kind

Friday February 14, 2003 - 8:00 pm

Saturday February 15, 2003 - 8:00 pm

Sunday February 16, 2003 - 2:00 pm

Lord of the Dance

Tuesday February 18, 2003 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday February 19, 2003 - 8:00 pm

Thursday February 20, 2003 - 8:00 pm

Friday February 21, 2003 - 8:00 pm

Saturday February 22, 2003 - 2:00 & 8:00 pm

Sunday February 23, 2003 - 2:00 & 7:30 pm

Aeros

Monday February 24, 2003 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday February 25, 2003 - 8:00 pm

Irish Tenors

Thursday February 27, 2003 - 8:00 pm

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Friday February 28, 2003 - 8:00 pm



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Changing For The Better

Over the years, I have heard many unforgettable and very helpful messages from Elder Philip White, my pastor. I believe that a lot of people make New Year's Resolutions that are broken much too soon. As we are still reflecting on the great legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a man whose life we honor each year- we are now celebrating Black History Month- a time when more African Americans begin searching for family history and ancestors.

Elder White's recent sermon was "HOW BAD DO YOU WANT TO CHANGE? A brief summary of Pastor's message found in Deuteronomy 30:19-20. In four steps: 1) Ask God to show you Self-Realization. Ask Him how undone am I? Teach me to say, do, act, and how to talk. 2) Learn to make Quality Decisions in order to please God, based on His word, not on what you have or what you don't have. 3) Ask God, "Renew My Mind. Ask that He turn on the light from Heaven, show me the truth so that I may see, walk, and talk right. Ask for

help to get away from the Spirit of Covetousness. 4) Ask for help to Build Boundaries. Set the right limits and stick to them. Be selective of people, places and things. Help in where you go and what you do? There are times in this life that we get in the wrong lane and need to move over. There are your thoughts, my thoughts, and His thoughts. Stay with God's thoughts. Hold to His unchanging hands to make the change you want. How Bad Do You Want to Change in 2003? Reference verses are Joshua 1:8 and II Corinthians 10:4-5.

Thought of the Week: Make certain that light you see at the end of the tunnel is not a train about to run over you.

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Church Happenings

ALL NATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
February 11, 7:00p.m.

Divorce Recovery Workshop -The workshop is designed for anyone who is divorced or is going through a divorce. The group will focus on the various stages of divorce and teach divorce coping skills. It will meet 6 weeks for 1 & 1/2 hours per week. The workshop has a nominal fee for administration and material and is open to the public.

February 16 During worship service there will be a Black History Observance. There will be celebration in words and songs.

February 19 Join us as we have dinner and fellowship with the residents of Samaritan Inn (McKinney).

February 21 Community Fun Night - Join us for an evening of fun. Refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public.

February 27, 7:00 p.m. Financial Management Workshop II - Finance Management workshops are being conducted the last Thursday of Feb., March and April. There was one the last

Thursday in January, and if you missed it you don't want to miss the next one. Call the church office for more information or pre-register so that you can receive a workshop packet at the next meeting.

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FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
February 23, 3:00p.m.

Annual Black History Program- For more information, please call 972-625-8186.

Friendship Baptist Church
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MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
February 22, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Men's Prayer Breakfast
February 23, 4:00 p.m.
Black History Program-Specials
Guests include St. Andrew's C.O.G.I.C. of Denton, TX and more

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Macedonia Baptist Church
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Through February 26, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Mt. Hebron will continue with weekly tutoring, but will be preparing students specifically in grade 3 for the TAKS test each Wednesday. The test is March 4. This is free and open to the public. Tutoring is conducted in all subject areas; however, tutors are specialized in Chemistry, Algebra, Algebra I,

English, Writing, and Reading. February 7, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

The Men's Ministry, along with the Parenting Ministry, will sponsor a Father/Daughter Sweetheart Ball at the Alexander Mansion, 333 West Ave. D. Fathers, uncles, grandfathers, brothers, or male mentors are welcome! Cost: \$20 per person

For more information concerning any of these events, call 972-276-5218.

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Shiloh Baptist Church
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ST. JAMES CME CHURCH
February 23, 3:00 p.m.

Black History Program & Silent Auction-Benefiting the Building Fund-Youth Multipurpose Room
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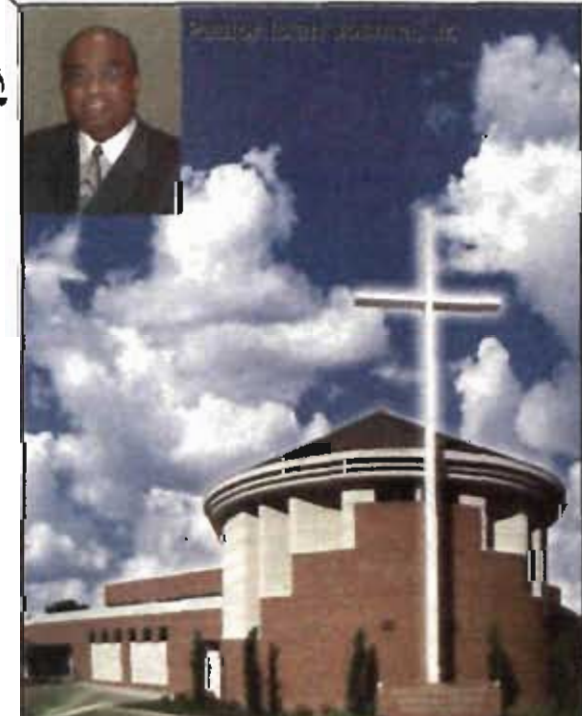
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St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church Presents

African Heritage Lecture Series

St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church presents its annual African Heritage Lecture Series, Sunday, February 9 through Tuesday February 11 at 7pm in the main sanctuary of the church; 5710 East RL Thornton (I-30).

Established by Dr. Zan W. Holmes, pastor emeritus of St. Luke, the African Heritage Lecture Series provides a time of enlightenment and reflection on "who we are and whose we are". In keeping with the tradition of bringing dynamic scholars, preeminent theologians and anointed preachers, the Rev. Emmanuel Cleaver, senior pastor of St. James UMC, Kansas City, MO, will be lecturer/preacher for this

For seven consecutive years Rev. Cleaver was named one of Ebony Magazine's "100 Most Influential African Americans". He is an Aspen Institute Fellow, a national board member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and a member of the Democratic National Committee. All are encouraged to attend Sunday, Feb 9 through Tuesday, Feb 11 at 7pm. The series is free and open to the public. Bring the family! Programming is provided for children.

For more information, please call Tonya Neal at 214.821.2970 or 214.887.3902.

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